

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, and 5-12 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fang, U.S. patent 6,628,311.

An Affidavit Under 37 CFR 1.131 previously submitted and to be entered herewith establishes invention of the rejected claims 1-3, and 5-12 prior to the effective date of the cited reference, Fang, U.S. patent 6,628,311. Reconsideration and allowance of each of the claims 1-3, and 5-12 and added new claims 13-18 is respectfully requested.

The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest the recited steps of providing code for correcting a condition for disabling control; and displaying an adjustment button for user selection to execute said code for correcting a condition for disabling control of the method, computer program product, and computer system for providing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources as taught by Applicants and recited in independent claims 1, 8, and 9. There is neither an express nor an implied suggestion in prior art of record, which would have motivated the artisan to modify the disclosed graphical user interface in a manner which would result in that which is claimed. Consequently, it is submitted that these claims 1, 8 and 9 are patentable.

The new independent claim 13 further defines the invention reciting a method for providing dynamic assistance for restricted user interface resources and further recites the steps of responsive to said changed state of said identified code to disable with assistance, providing assistance text to explain why control is disabled

including identifying a restricted selection; and providing code for correcting a condition for disabling control including removing the restricted selection. There is neither an express nor an implied suggestion in prior art of record, which would have motivated the artisan to perform the method of the invention as recited in independent claim 13. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 13 is patentable.

Thus, each of the independent claims 1, 8, 9 and 13, as presented, is patentable.

Dependent claims 2-3, 5-7, 10-12, and 14-18 further define the invention of patentable claims 1, 9 and 13, and are likewise patentable.

Applicants have reviewed all the art of record, and respectfully submit that the claimed invention is patentable over all the art of record, including the references not relied upon by the Examiner for the rejection of the pending claims.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and allowance of each of the pending claims 1-3, and 5-12 is respectfully requested. Prompt and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner upon considering this amendment should find that a telephone interview would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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